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large number of students gave evidence before the Director of Public Instruction proving the allegation, does not the statement just now made by the Hon. Minister look ridiculous? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Well, Sir, if a statement had been made, before the hon. Member he could have written to me about it. I have no objection to go further into the matter in the light of such communication."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, I met the Hon. Minister and communicated to him what happened there. So the statement of the Hon. Minister has come as a surprise."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry, Sir, the hon. Member did not tell me that the members of the managing committee admitted this before him. He made only a reference to the petitions received by Government in this respect."

Elections to the Co-operative Central Bank, Srikakulam.

* 198 *Q.*—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state when the Government are going to conduct elections to the Co-operative Central Bank, Srikakulam?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The question of conducting elections will be taken up after the end of June 1953, if necessary."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what is the meaning of that expression, ' if necessary '?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, if conditions are favourable for conducting such elections."

Holiday for workers under the Hydro-Electric Project, Machkund.

* 199 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that January 26th was not declared as a holiday for the workers employed in the Hydro-Electric Project at Machkund; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Sir, are the Government aware that last year, August 15th was declared a holiday for the workers employed in the Hydro-Electric Project at Machkund and what stood in the way of the Government declaring January 26th as a holiday? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question."